

How you can be involved in bringing cultural events to Westminister:

Would you like to be a member of the Westminister Cultural Council?

Residents of Westminister are invited to join the Westminister Cultural Council. As a member of the WCC you will be a part of the decision-making process that funds projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. For information about the WCC contact any WCC member.

What type of cultural activities you would like to see in Westminister?

WCC welcomes your input! Your thoughts as to the types of programs or events you would like to see are needed. What type of events would you like to have in our town?

Are you, or an organization you are involved with, interested in applying for a grant from the WCC?

LCCs can fund grants from individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations, schools, libraries and religious organizations. All LCC funded programming must show that a public benefit results from the funded project.

*You can contact the Westminister Cultural Council
at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Westminister>
or
by writing to the Westminister Cultural Council
at the Town Hall, 11 South Street, Westminister*

**When available, dates and times of Westminister Cultural Council funded events that are open to the public will be posted on the Westminister town website:
www.westminister-ma.gov.**



WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL 2021

The Westminister Cultural Council (WCC) is one of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) in Massachusetts. *Local Cultural Council Program Guidelines* describe the LCC program as follows:

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and through a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state.

The MCC receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

LCCs are made up of volunteers who are appointed by the community's chief elected officials and who are responsible for making decisions on how they will award the money granted to them by the MCC in ways that will serve local cultural needs.

For the 2021 fiscal year, the WCC received \$6,100 in MCC funding in addition to a \$4,000 appropriation from the town. Each year in October the WCC solicits grant applications that are then reviewed for funding. The WCC purchased museum passes for the Forbush Memorial Library to loan to residents. Additionally, the WCC is opening "The Little Gallery" in Town Hall for local artists to display their works.

Westminister Cultural Council Members

Brenda Malloy, Chairperson	Pat McAllister
Darcy Linnus, Secretary	Linda McClenahan, Treasurer
Cindy Flynn	Margaret Romano
Nancy Swanson	

**In FY201 the Westminster Cultural Council
is pleased to fund the following events:**

“Music is Love—Music, Magic and Comedy” with Dawn Kelly

Westminster Council on Aging

Westminster Community Senior Center, April 14, 2021

Dawn and her partner, Dick Miller, present a music and magic variety show

Westminster Farmers’ Market Entertainment

Westminster Agricultural Council

Academy Hill, Westminster, Friday afternoons, May-October 2021

Local musicians, children’s theater performers and other entertainers perform at the Friday Westminster Farmers’ Market.

A Musical Journey through the Years

Westminster Council on Aging

Westminster Community/Senior Center, October 19, 2021 at 10:30 am

Tommy Rull will sing a variety of musical numbers.

Concert for Seniors by Daniel Kirouac

Westminster Council on Aging

Westminster Community Senior Center, April 28, 2021 at 10:00 am

Mr. Kirouac will perform a one-hour concert of music including easy listening, pop, jazz and light rock from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Yours for Humanity-Abby Kelley Foster

Genealogical Society

American Legion Post 129, Gardner, MA, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Actor portrays an historically important woman who was Worcester County’s 19th century radical abolitionist and human rights activist.

Henry the Juggler

To be determined?

Henry juggles many different items and entertains with humor and skill. The children will also attend a workshop after the performance.

Jarrett Krosoczka, Author Presentation

AWRSD

Ashburnham and Oakmont Libraries, October 23, 2021

Author Krosoczka will present his graphic novel concerning family addiction.

A Christmas Carol

Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library

Forbush Memorial Library, December 1, 2021

Delvaena Theatre Company presentation.

Atlantic White Shark

Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library

Forbush Memorial Library, **Date to be Announced**

The Atlantic White Shark Conservancy presents a study of the white shark.

Under One Sky: A Song and Story Celebration

A/W Extended Day

Westminster Elementary School, **Date to be Announced**

Davis Bates will present stories and songs of the diversity of New England.

Circle of Artists Art Show

The Circle of Artists

American Legion, October 2021 (Cracker Festival Weekend)

This is an exhibition for the members of the Circle of Artists as well as local artists and high school students to display their work.

Open Door Connections

Discovery Museum

Passes to the Discovery Museum for Westminster residents thru

ODC. Exhibits and programs for children and families.

For the year 2021

Patron Passes

Forbush Memorial Library

2021

Worcester Art Museum. Fitchburg Art Museum, Museum of Russian Icons,

Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, Trustees of Reservations, and Ecotarium

Didgerdoo

Forbush Memorial Library

July 2021

Australian music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building,

Storytelling, and audience participation.

Westminster Dog Show

Cracker Barrel Festival

October 16, 2021-Icon Project

This is an art project sponsored by the Westminster Cultural Council,

Local businesses, residents and underwritten by the Westminster Village

Foundation. Fiberglass dogs are produced and auctioned in the Fall of 2022.

Hip Hop Exercise for Seniors

July 2021

One hour class hip hop class for seniors, travel through time on the Soul Train.